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**TITLE: "Methods of Functionalizing  
and Functionalized Metal Oxide  
Particles and Mechanically Strong  
And Transparent or Translucent  
Composites Made Using Zirconium  
Oxide NanoParticles"**

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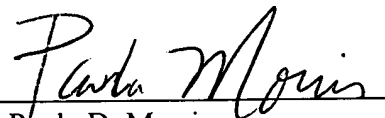
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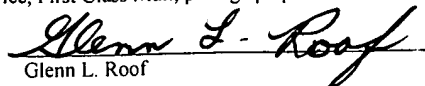
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